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SUBJECT: GOU STATEMENT ON SUSPENDING WGSTT

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1. IN THE EVNING OF JAN 31 GOU FOREIGN MINISTRY ISSUED
COMMUNIQUE DEPLORING THE ABSENCE OF THE U.S. FROM THE
MONTEVIDEO MEETING OF WGSTT AND SUSPENDING CONFERENCE.
INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE
1. THE GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY PROFOUNDLY DEPLORES THE
ABSENCE OF THE UNITED STATES FROM THE SECOND MEETING OF THE
WORKING GROUP SCIENCE AND THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.
2. THE SAME (ABSENCE) IS IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE SUSPENSION OF THE
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MEETING OF MINISTERS SCHEDULED FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH IN

BUENOS AIRES, WHICH LENDS JUSTICE TO THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE REPUBLIC ON THAT POINT, WHEN IT (URUGUAY) MAINTAINED THAT THE CONFERENCE OUGHT TO BE HELD AND THAT IT WOULD CONSTITUTE THE SUITABLE AND PROPER FORUM FOR DISCUSSING WITH THE US THE RECENT COMMERCIAL LAW OF THAT COUNTRY.

3. BECAUSE OF THIS BACKGROUND AND BECAUSE OF ITS CHARACTER AS HOST COUNTRY FOR THE SECOND MEETING OF THE WGSTT, URUGUAY FEELS ESPECIALLY AFFECTED BY THE ATTITUDE TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES.

4. FINALLY, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC UNDERSTANDS IT DOES NOT MAKE SENSE TO HOLD A MEETING INCLUDED WITHIN THE SO-CALLED "NEW DIALOGUE" WHEN THIS HAS BEEN CUT OFF BY THE ABSENCE OF ONE OF THE PARTIES THERETO.

5. ACCORDING AND IN VIEW OF THE PRESENCE OF SISTER DELEGATIONS ON URUGUAYAN SOIL, IT (URUGUAY) CONTINUES TO OFFER THEM ITS HOSPITALITY, BUT UNDERSTANDS THAT THE MEETING, WITH ITS EXPECTED SCOPE, MUST BE SUSPENDED WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE HOLDING OF AN INFORMAL REUNION FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF EXCHANGING IDEAS AND THE COORDINATION OF POSITIONS. END QUOTE

2. NO DELEGATIONS AT MONTEVIDEO WGSTT HAVE ISSUED STATEMENTS AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE. LATIN AMERICAN CAUCUS MEETINGS ARE CONTINUING SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 1. SIRACUSA UNQTE KISSINGER

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